

ORDINANCE NO. 14774

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 104 - 2009

INTRODUCED BY

DECEMBER 2, 2009

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2010 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Nine Hundred and Six Thousand Ninety-eight (\$906,098) dollars to provide for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, EECBG, from the United States Department of Energy.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes a Nine Hundred and Six Thousand Ninety eight (\$906,098) dollar increase to the General Fund.

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund in the following manner:

**Community Development:
Office of the Director
Energy Efficiency Program**

Professional Service Fees	000-09-0901-0011-44	\$197,329
Other Contracted Services	000-09-0901-0011-46	126,227
Grant Administration	000-09-0901-0011-49	61,502
Other Services and Charges	000-09-0901-0011-50	49,000
Vehicle Parts	000-09-0901-0011-60	145,800
Equipment	000-09-0901-0011-72	204,815
Construction Contracts	000-09-0901-0011-76	121,425

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance will take effect January 1, 2010.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate from?**

The Deputy Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development collaborated with Directors of Public Works, Community and Economic Development, Parks and Recreation and Information Technology to develop a strategy to reduce energy costs in City government.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The bill allows the City to receive 87% of the grant revenue in 2010. The remaining amount of the \$1,038,800 grant total will be appropriated in 2011.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish
- What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this
- How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities

The goal is to increase energy efficiency and conservation in City government and the community. The objectives are as follows

- The City's municipal government will reduce diesel and unleaded fuel consumption by 8% in 324 vehicles and/or pieces of equipment.
 - The City municipal government will reduce electricity consumption by implementing a lighting retrofit program in City Hall and the Public Safety buildings.
 - The City will reduce vehicle fuel consumption throughout the City by implementing a "bikeable, likeable Allentown program."
 - The City will pilot a renewable energy trash compacting program in strategically placed areas of the City.
 - The City will provide reduce energy consumption by providing incentives to residential, commercial/industrial and non profit constituents throughout the city.
 - The City will hire a technical consulting firm to develop a master plan for a sustainable infrastructure program for the City's park system such as passive solar hot water systems, geothermal heating and cooling, photo-voltaic electricity and improved high-energy efficient systems.
 - The City will hire a technical consulting firm to assist with implementation of EECBG goals and objectives and to work with the City's Environmental Advisory Council and Green Ribbon Committee to develop additional goals, objective and activities that can be implemented over and above the EECBG.
 - The City will reduce electricity consumption by implementing a computer server retrofit at City Hall.
- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The financial impact is reducing fuel consumption with the goal of purchasing less fuel for the vehicles, reducing electricity consumption through a lighting retrofit project and an information systems server cooler retrofit, and developing a plan on how to reduce energy costs in the parks system. Additionally, the residential and business community will benefit by having lower interest rates available for loans to provide funding for energy efficiency projects and rebates for those companies in the located in the proposed Green Zones as well as non-profits City wide. The

interest rate buy down program is a partnership between the City and The Sustainable Energy Fund and the Keystone Help Program.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

The funding source is the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds through the U.S. Department of Energy.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

The EECBG plan has been approved and projects can begin as soon as the funds are appropriated by Council.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

Council should support this bill because the funds provide equipment and services to reduce energy consumption in City government, Additionally, the funds will make lower interest rates available to City businesses and residents as well as rebates available to targeted businesses and all non profits on a first come first served basis.

Amendment: To add at the end of Section One, as hereinafter appropriated, delete Section Two, and renumber the remaining sections appropriately.

	Yea	Nay
W. Michael Donovan	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
Ray O'Connell	X	
Michael Schlossberg	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

Amendment: To add at the end of Section One, as hereinafter appropriated, delete Section Two, and renumber the remaining sections appropriately. Passed, 7-0.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on December 2nd and signed by the Mayor on January 14, 2010.


 CITY CLERK